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South Australia's population increased 1.0% for the year ended 31 December 2007.



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South Australia's unemployment rate increased to 4.8% in May 2008.



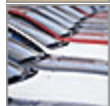
#### **Incomes**

Includes: **Average weekly earnings**  
Average weekly earnings for South Australian males increased 5.8% in the year to February 2008, while female earnings increased 2.1%.



#### **State Accounts**

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South Australia's State Final Demand increased 1.1% in the March quarter 2008.



#### **Consumption**

Includes: **Retail trade, New motor vehicle sales**  
South Australia's retail turnover increased 0.6% in April 2008.



#### **Investment**

Includes: **Private new capital expenditure, Mineral and petroleum exploration expenditure**  
For the first time since March quarter 1993, South Australia's expenditure on Buildings and structures exceeded that on Equipment, plants and machinery in the March quarter 2008.



#### **Construction**

Includes: **Building approvals, Construction work done**  
The total number of dwelling units approved in South Australia has decreased four months in a row, to 1,053 in April 2008.



#### **Price Indexes**

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The price index for established houses for Adelaide rose 21.6% for the year ended March quarter 2008.



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In April 2008, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in South Australia was \$194,900.



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## WHATS NEW THIS MONTH

Topics which have been updated with new data in this month's issue of **SA Stats** include: Demography; Labour Force; Incomes; State Accounts; Consumption; Investment; Construction; Price Indexes; Housing Finance; International Merchandise Trade; and Water.

This month's issue of **SA Stats** shows the house price index for established houses in Adelaide rose 2.1% in the March quarter 2008. This growth was not as strong as the previous three quarters which each showed growth of around 6%.

The average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in South Australia in April 2008 was \$194,900, up from \$179,900 in April 2007. However, there has been little increase in the average size of home loan commitments over the last nine months. The average home loan commitment in April 2008 (\$194,900) was only slightly higher than that of July 2007 (\$193,600).

## INQUIRIES

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## Demography



### DEMOGRAPHY

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) for South Australia was 1,591,900 at 31 December 2007, an increase of about 16,500 persons (1.0%) since 31 December 2006. Nationally, the preliminary ERP was 21,180,600 at 31 December 2007, an increase of about 331,900 persons (1.6%) since 31 December 2006.

## Estimated resident population, Preliminary data

	Population at end December quarter 2007 '000	Change over previous year '000	Change over previous year %
New South Wales	6 927.0	72.9	1.1
Victoria	5 246.1	82.4	1.6
Queensland	4 228.3	96.9	2.3
South Australia	1 591.9	16.5	1.0
Western Australia	2 130.8	49.5	2.4
Tasmania	495.8	4.1	0.8
Northern Territory	217.6	5.0	2.4
Australian Capital Territory	340.8	4.5	1.3
<b>Australia(a)</b>	<b>21 180.6</b>	<b>331.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>

(a) Includes Other Territories comprising Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.  
Source: Population, Australian States and Territories, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 3239.0.55.001)

In 2006-07, the South Australian Statistical Division (SD) with the largest increase in ERP was Outer Adelaide (2.0%) followed by Adelaide (1.1%).

### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, By Statistical Division, South Australia(a)

	2006		2007	
	Population at 30 June '000	Change over previous year %	Population at 30 June '000	Change over previous year %
Adelaide	1 146.1	1.0	1 158.3	1.1
Outer Adelaide	128.9	2.4	131.5	2.0
Yorke and Lower North	45.6	0.9	46.0	0.9
Murray Lands	69.5	0.5	69.8	0.4
South East	64.6	0.7	65.0	0.5
Eyre	34.8	0.4	34.9	0.4
Northern	78.7	-0.2	79.2	0.6
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>1 568.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1 584.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>

(a) Estimates for 2007 are preliminary.  
Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia 2006-07 (cat. no. 3218.0)

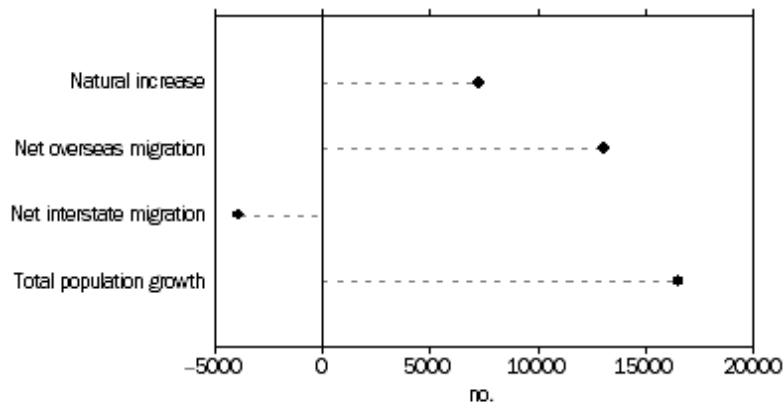
[Map of South Australia's Statistical Divisions\(PDF 2.44MB\)](#)

## COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

For the year ended 31 December 2007, South Australia recorded a natural increase (i.e. the net of births and deaths) of 7,308 persons. Net overseas migration provided a gain of 13,061 persons in the same period while net interstate migration realised a loss of 3,828 persons.

For the year ended 31 December 2007, Australia recorded a natural increase in population of 147,434 persons; net overseas migration resulted in a gain of 184,438 people.

**Population growth, South Australia - Year ended December 2007**



Source: Population, Australian States and Territories, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 3239.0.55.001)

## Labour Force



### LABOUR FORCE

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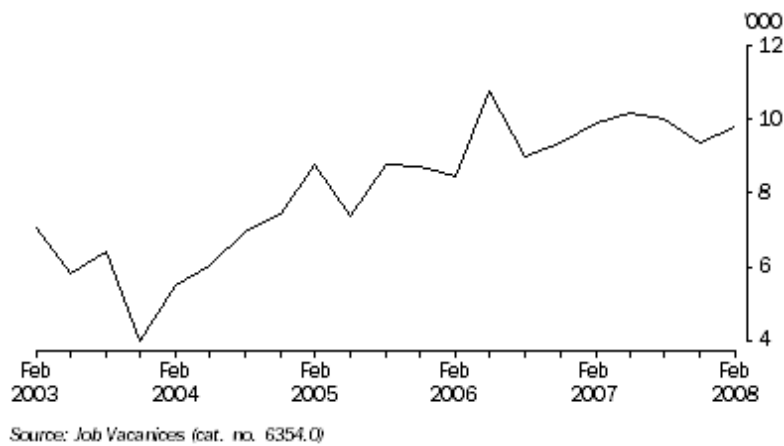
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#### JOB VACANCIES

In original terms, South Australia's total number of job vacancies increased to about 9,800 in February 2008 from 9,400 in November 2007. The February 2008 vacancies were 1% lower than in February 2007 (9,900). Australia-wide, job vacancies decreased to 178,000 in February 2008 from 182,800 in November 2007. Australian job vacancies in February 2008 were 9% higher than in February 2007.

**Job Vacancies, Original, South Australia**



## EMPLOYED PERSONS

In trend terms, the total number of persons employed in South Australia in May 2008 was 777,600, an increase of 300 from the number of persons employed in April 2008 (777,300). The total number of persons employed in Australia in May 2008 was 10,705,300, an increase of 10,500 on the number employed in April 2008 (10,694,800).

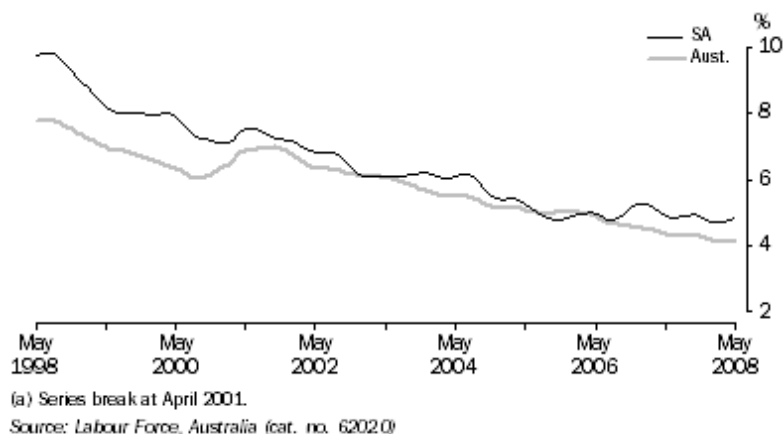


The number of males employed full-time in South Australia in May 2008 was 354,200 (in trend terms), an increase from 353,700 in April 2008. The number of females employed full-time in South Australia in May 2008 was 184,500 (in trend terms), an increase from 184,100 in the previous month.

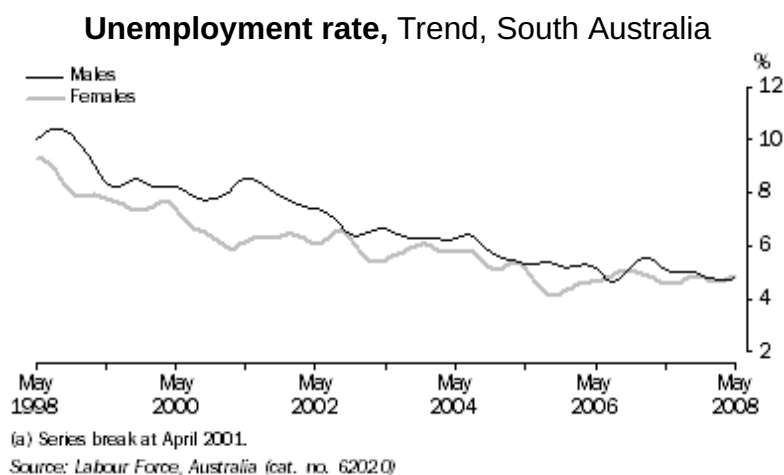
## UNEMPLOYMENT

The trend estimate unemployment rate for South Australia increased to 4.8% in May 2008, up from 4.7% in April 2008. Australia's unemployment rate increased to 4.2% in May 2008, from 4.1% in April 2008.

### Unemployment rate(a), Trend

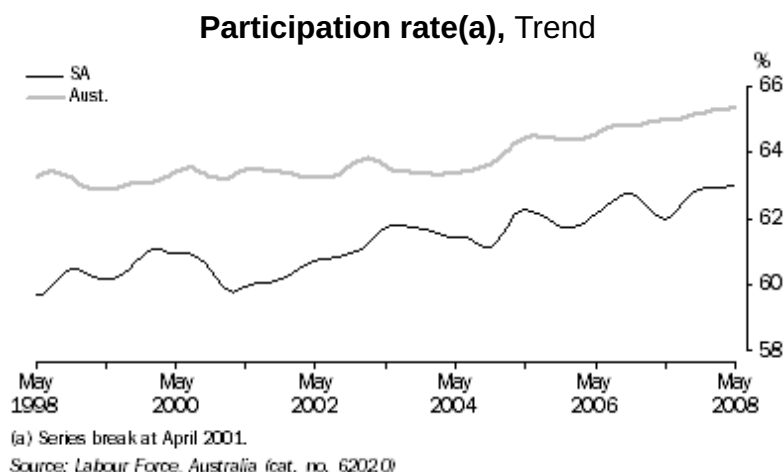


For South Australia, the trend unemployment rate for males increased to 4.8% in May 2008, up from 4.7% in April 2008. The trend unemployment rate for females increased from 4.8% in April 2008 to 4.9% in May 2008.

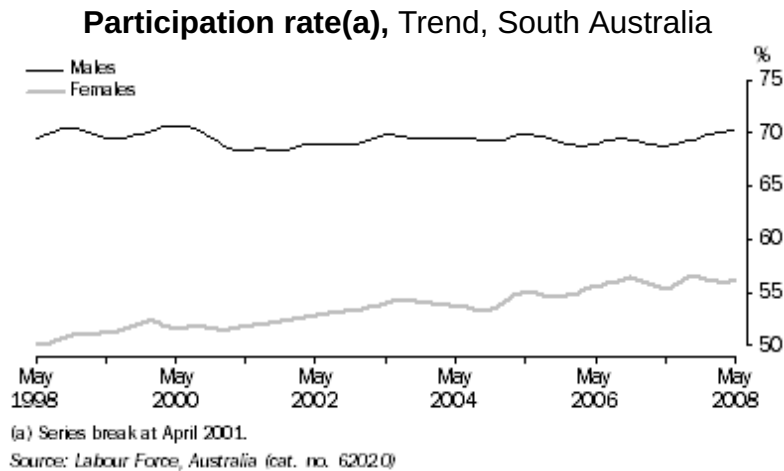


## PARTICIPATION RATE

The trend estimate of the participation rate for South Australia in May 2008 was 63.0%, the same as in April 2008. Australia's trend participation rate also remained steady from April 2008 to May 2008 at 65.3%.



For South Australia, the trend participation rate for males remained unchanged at 70.2% in May 2008. The Australian participation rate for males has been consistently higher than that for South Australia, and was steady at 72.4% in May 2008. The participation rate for South Australian females was 56.1% in May 2008, while the Australian female participation rate was 58.4%.



## Incomes



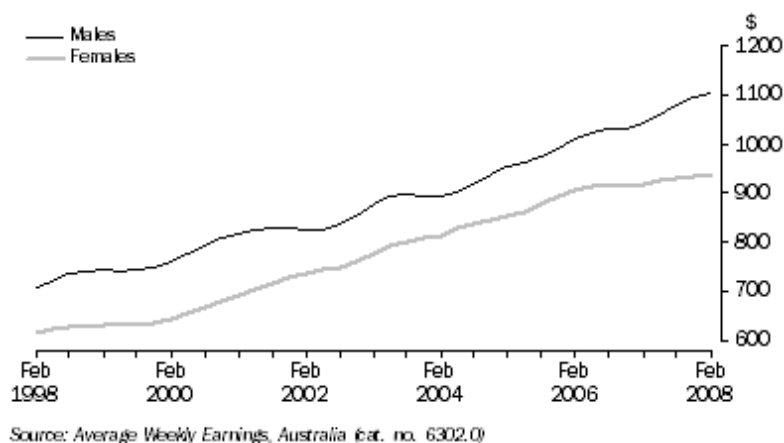
### INCOMES

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

The trend estimate of average weekly (ordinary time) earnings for full-time adult persons in South Australia increased by 4.4% to \$1,047.40 in the 12 months to February 2008. Nationally, the corresponding increase was slightly more at 4.5% (up to \$1,123.30).

In the 12 months to February 2008, male average weekly earnings increased by 5.8% while female earnings increased by 2.1%. At February 2008, male average weekly earnings (\$1,104.00) in South Australia were 17.7% higher than the corresponding female earnings (\$938.00). Nationally, in February 2008 male average weekly earnings (\$1,190.40) were 18.6% higher than the female earnings (\$1003.60).

#### Full-time adult ordinary time earnings, Trend, South Australia



For information on the wage price index, please refer to the '[Price Indexes](#)' topic.

## State Accounts



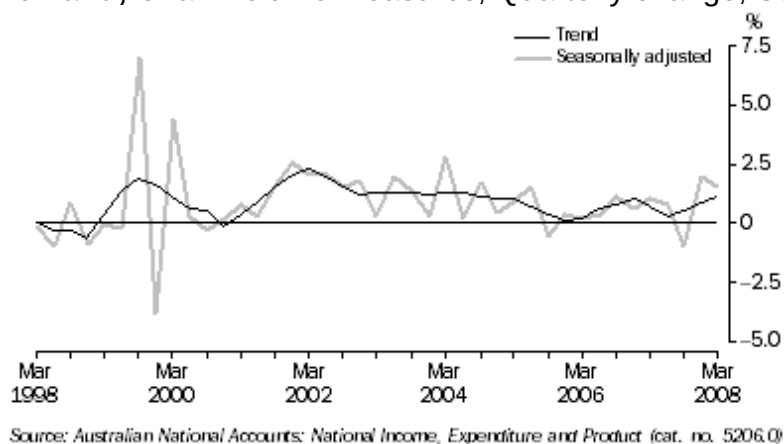
### STATE ACCOUNTS

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South Australia's March quarter 2008 State Final Demand in chain volume (trend) terms was \$17,889m, a 1.1% increase from the December quarter 2007. This was slightly higher than the increase recorded in Australia's Domestic Final Demand which was up 1.0% to \$269,473m in the March quarter 2007.

Of the other states and territories, the strongest growth for the quarter was reported in Tasmania (up 1.6%), followed by Queensland and the Northern Territory (up 1.3%).

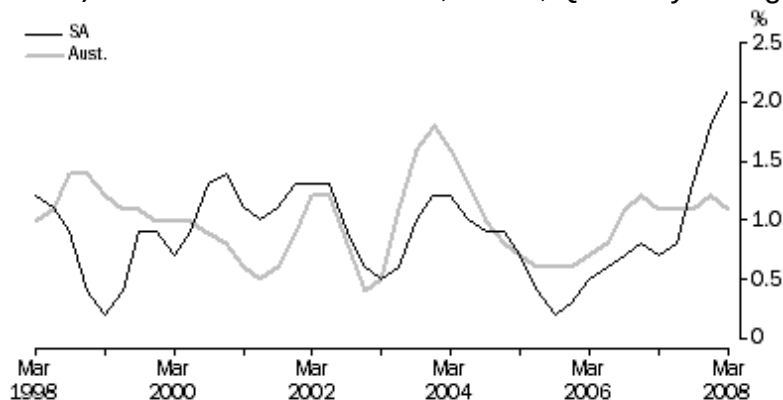
**State Final Demand**, Chain volume measures, Quarterly change, South Australia



#### HOUSEHOLD FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE (HFCE)

In chain volume (trend) terms, South Australia's March quarter 2008 HFCE was \$10,766m (7.2% of the national total of \$149,747m). This was a 2.1% increase from the December quarter 2007 for South Australia. For Australia, the increase was 1.1%.

#### HFCE, Chain volume measures, Trend, Quarterly change

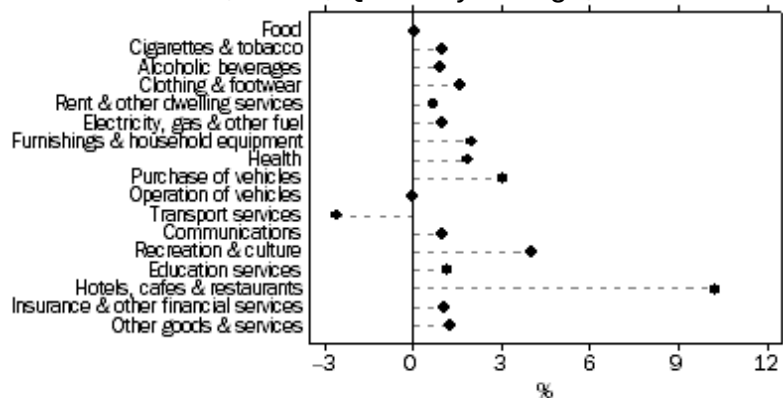


Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0)

The largest increases in expenditure in South Australia for the March quarter 2008 were for Hotels, cafes and restaurants (up 10.2% from the December quarter 2007), and Recreation and culture (up 4.0%). Expenditure on Transport services decreased 2.6% over this period.

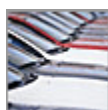
For Australia, the largest increase was for Purchase of vehicles (up 2.2% from the December quarter 2007) followed by Health (up 1.8%). Expenditure on Transport services decreased 0.9% from the December quarter 2007 and the March quarter 2008.

#### HFCE, Chain volume measures, Trend, Quarterly change, South Australia - March 2008



Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0)

## Consumption

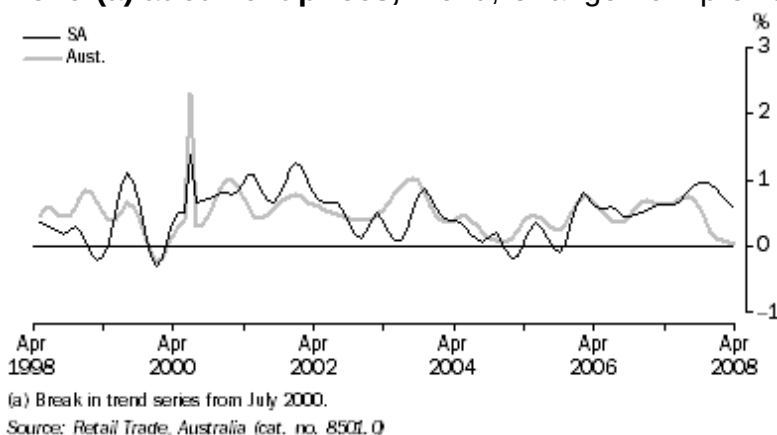


### CONSUMPTION

### RETAIL TRADE

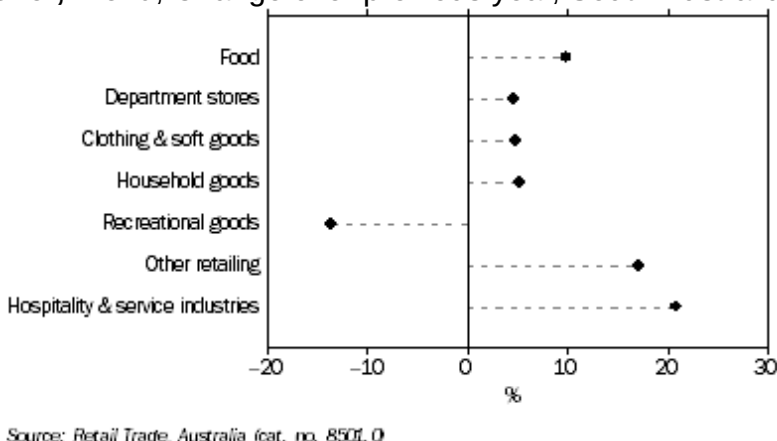
The April 2008 trend estimate for South Australia's retail turnover was \$1,437.7m, while the estimate for Australia was \$20,107.1m. From March 2008, the increase in turnover for South Australia across all retail industries was 0.6%, while turnover was unchanged for Australia.

#### Retail turnover(a) at current prices, Trend, Change from previous month



Comparing April 2008 with April 2007, the two South Australian industry groups with the largest percentage increases in retail turnover (trend) were Hospitality and service industries, rising by 20.9% (to \$232.8m), and Other retailing, rising by 17.1% (to \$143.0m). The South Australian industry group which reported the largest decrease in retail turnover (trend) was Recreational goods retailing, which decreased by 13.6% to \$45.5m.

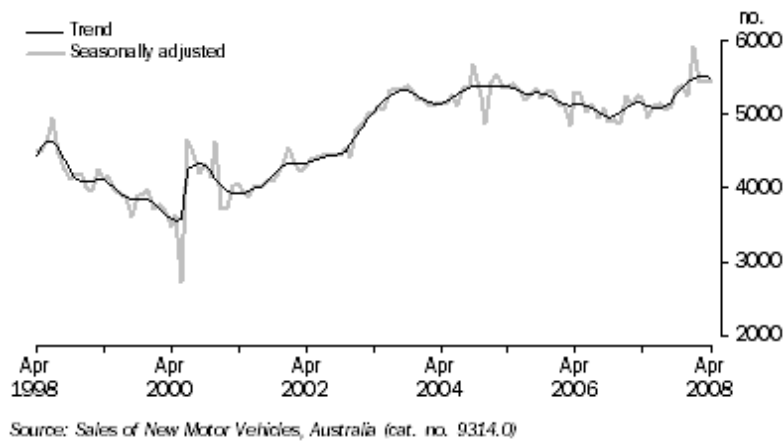
#### Retail turnover, Trend, Change over previous year, South Australia - April 2008



## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

In April 2008, 3,271 new passenger vehicles and 5,509 new vehicles in total (in trend terms) were sold in South Australia. Corresponding sales for Australia were 52,080 and 89,775.

#### New Motor Vehicle Sales, South Australia



## Investment



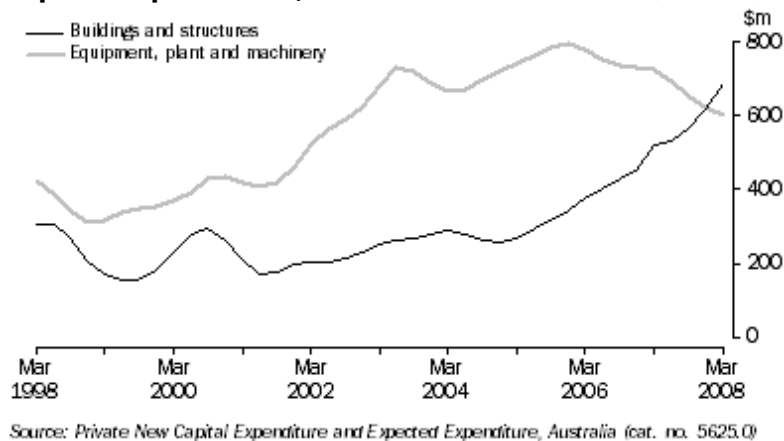
### INVESTMENT

#### PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Between the December 2007 and March 2008 quarters, the South Australian chain volume (trend) estimate of private new capital expenditure increased by 3.7% to \$1,289m. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery decreased by \$19m (or 3.2%) to \$603m, while expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by \$66m (or 10.6%) to \$686m. This is the first time since the March quarter 1993 that expenditure on Buildings and structures exceeded Equipment, plant and machinery.

Between the December 2007 and March 2008 quarters, private new capital expenditure for Australia increased by 0.4% to \$20,648m. Expenditure on Buildings and structures increased 1.3%, while Equipment, plant and machinery expenditure decreased 0.2% over this period.

#### Private New Capital Expenditure, Chain volume measures, Trend, South Australia



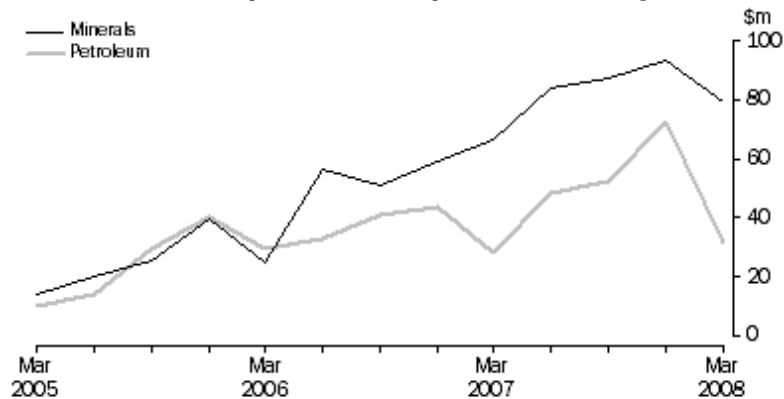
#### MINERAL AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE

The value of mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia in the March quarter 2008 was \$79.3m (in original terms), down 15.2% from the December quarter 2007. Over the same period, Australian expenditure on mineral exploration decreased 13.1% from \$625.9m in the December quarter 2007 to \$544.0m in March quarter 2008.

The main minerals sought in South Australia in the March quarter 2008 were uranium (\$26.2m exploration expenditure), copper (\$18.6m) and gold (\$15.9m).

Expenditure on petroleum exploration in South Australia in the March quarter 2008 was \$31.8m, down 56.1% from the December quarter 2007. Nationally, expenditure on petroleum exploration decreased 7.9% from \$770.0m in the December quarter 2007 to \$709.4m in the March quarter 2008.

#### Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure, Original, South Australia



Source: Mineral and Petroleum Exploration, Australia (cat. no. 8412.0)

## Construction



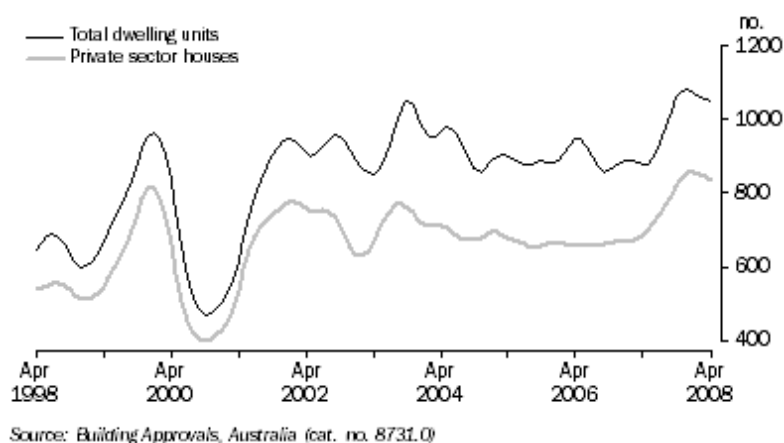
### CONSTRUCTION

#### BUILDING APPROVALS

In April 2008, the total number of dwelling units approved in South Australia (in trend terms) was 1,053. Nationally, the total number of dwelling units approved (in trend terms) was 13,000.

The trend estimate for the number of private sector houses approved in South Australia in April 2008 was 832.

#### Dwelling Units Approved, Trend, South Australia



In the year ended April 2008, the largest increase in dwelling units approved in South Australia was recorded for the Eyre Statistical Division (SD) (32.1%). This follows a 34.1% fall in the number of dwelling units approved in the Eyre SD in the year ending April 2007. The Murray Lands SD recorded the largest decrease in dwelling units approved in the year ended April 2008 (down 35.5%), although a 49.6% increase was recorded in the year ended April 2007.

### Dwelling Units Approved, by Statistical Division (SD), Original, South Australia

	Year ended April 2007		Year ended April 2008	
	Dwelling units no.	Change over previous year %	Dwelling units no.	Change over previous year %
Adelaide	7 225	-5.2	8 677	20.1
Outer Adelaide	1 484	-13.0	1 557	4.9
Yorke and Lower North	476	-7.8	609	27.9
Murray Lands	676	49.6	436	-35.5
South East	371	0.8	388	4.6
Eyre	209	-34.1	276	32.1
Northern	375	7.4	475	26.7
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>10 816</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>12 418</b>	<b>14.8</b>

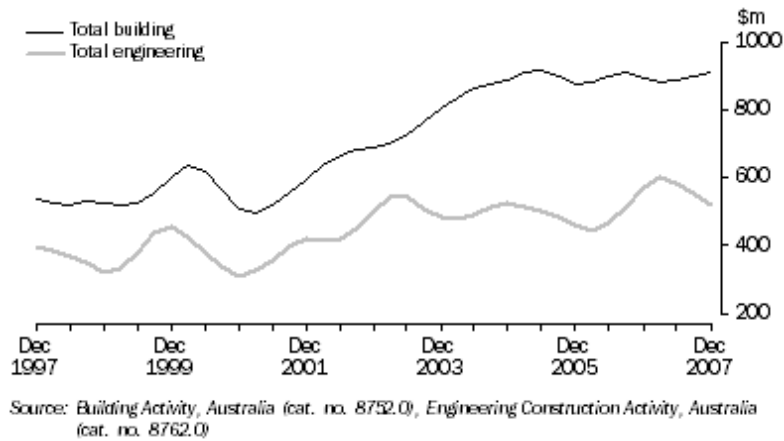
Source: Building Approvals, Australia - data available on request

[Map of South Australia's Statistical Divisions \(PDF 2.44MB\)](#)

## CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE

In the December quarter 2007, the total value of building work done (in trend terms) in South Australia was \$907.0m, an increase of 1.1% from the previous quarter. Engineering work done in this quarter was \$521.0m, a decrease of 5.4% from the September quarter 2007 (\$550.8m).

**Value of construction work done, Chain volume measures, Trend, South Australia**



## Price Indexes



### PRICE INDEXES

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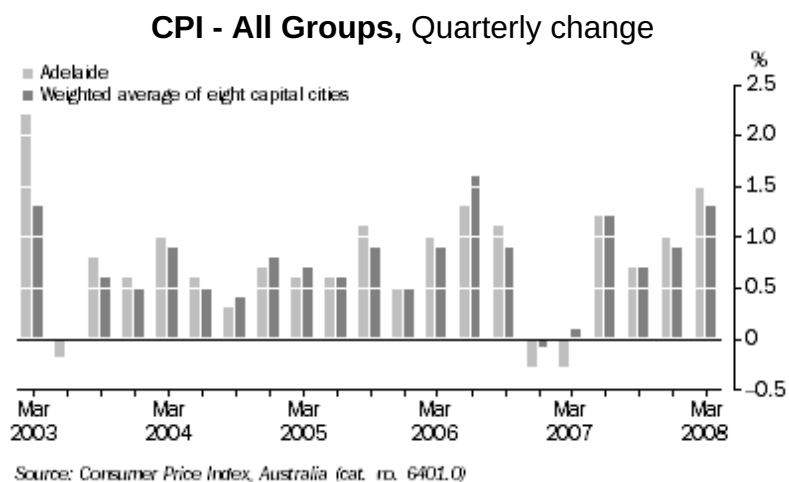
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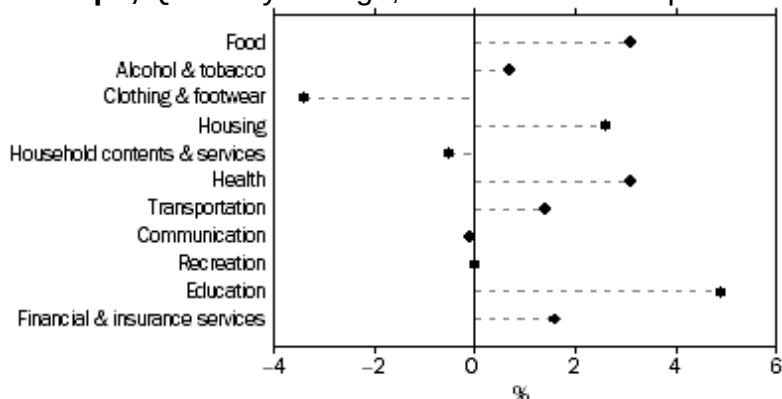
#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Adelaide rose 1.5% in the March quarter 2008 while the weighted average of eight capital cities rose by 1.3% in the quarter. Adelaide's CPI increased by 4.5% through the year to the March quarter 2008, compared with a 4.2% rise in the weighted average of eight capital cities.



Adelaide's largest percentage increases in prices from the previous quarter were Education (4.9%), Health (3.1%) and Food (3.1%). The largest decrease in prices from the previous quarter was Clothing and footwear (-3.4%).

**CPI Groups, Quarterly change, Adelaide - March quarter 2008**

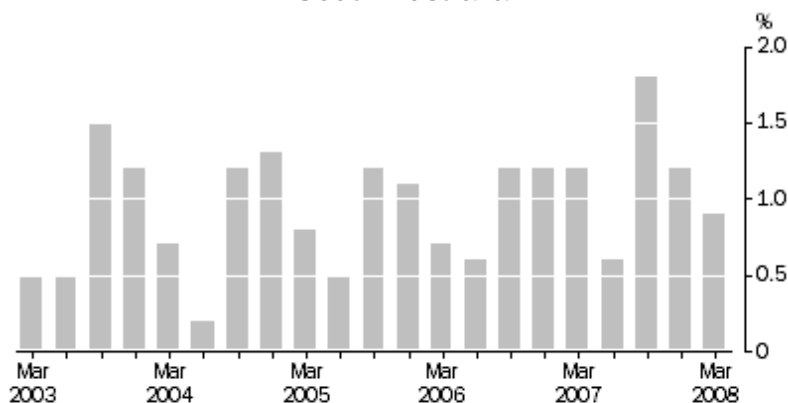


Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0)

## WAGE PRICE INDEX

The wage price index for all employee jobs in South Australia increased by 0.9% (in original terms) from the December quarter 2007 to the March quarter 2008. This was the same as the increase nationally (0.9%) over this period.

**Wage Price Index quarterly changes**, Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses, Original, South Australia



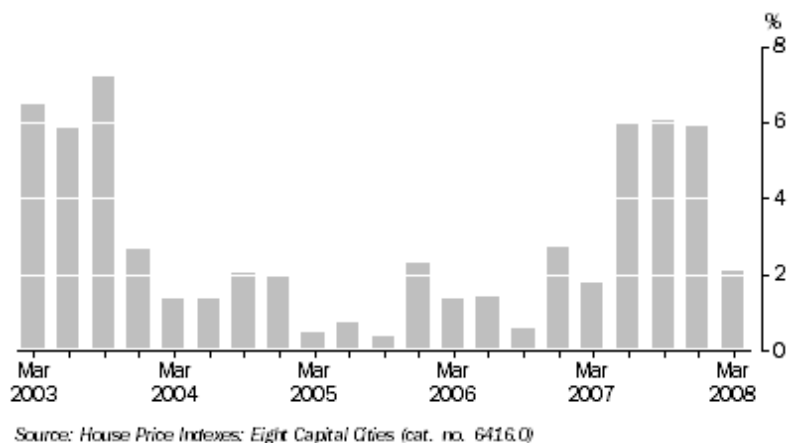
Source: Labour Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6345.0)

## HOUSE PRICE INDEX

Preliminary estimates show that the price index for established houses for Adelaide (in original terms) increased 2.1% in the March quarter 2008. Over this period, the price index for the weighted average of eight capital cities increased by 1.1%.

Over the year to the March quarter 2008, the preliminary estimates show the price index for established houses for Adelaide rose 21.6%.

**Established house prices**, Quarterly change, Adelaide



## Housing Finance

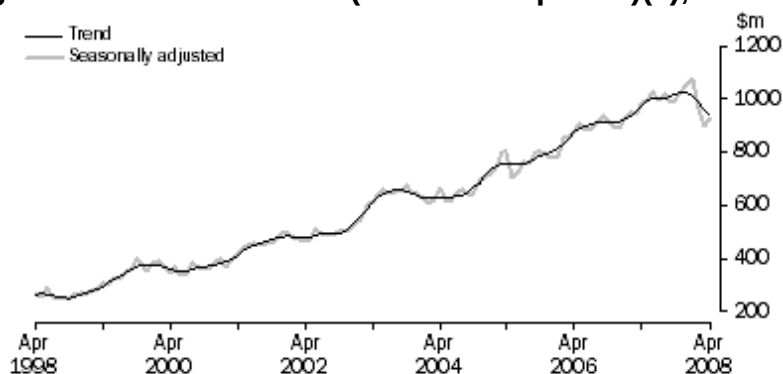


### HOUSING FINANCE

#### HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS

In trend terms, the total value of housing finance commitments (owner occupation) in South Australia in April 2008 was \$933.7m, a decrease of 2.7% from March 2008. Nationally, the value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation also fell 2.7% to a total of \$14,007m.

#### Housing finance commitments (owner occupation)(a), South Australia

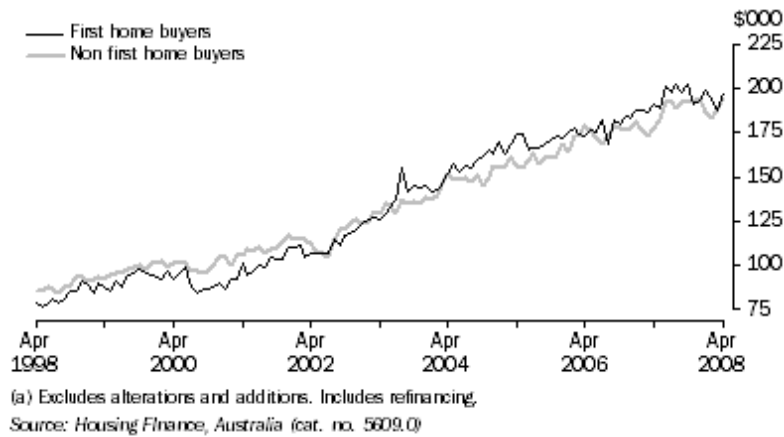


Source: Housing Finance, Australia (5609.0)

In April 2008, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in South Australia was \$194,900, significantly lower than the \$236,900 for the average home loan commitment in Australia. Over the last nine months, there has been little increase in the average loan size for South Australians. The average loan size in April 2008 (\$194,900) was only slightly higher than that of July 2007 (\$193,600).

In April 2008, the average loan size for first home buyers in South Australia was \$196,900, slightly higher than the \$194,600 for non-first home buyers.

## Housing finance commitments (owner occupation)(a), Average loan size, Original, South Australia



For information on the house price index, please refer to the '[Price Indexes](#)' topic.

## International Merchandise Trade



### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

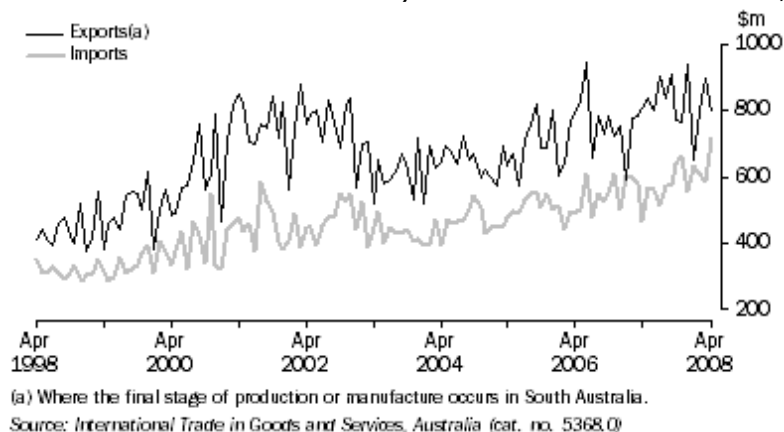
#### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

South Australia's value of exports on a recorded trade basis in April 2008 was \$793m, a decrease of 1.7% from the value of exports in April 2007 (\$807m).

The value of Australian merchandise exports for April 2008 was \$16,055m, a 15.7% increase from April 2007 (\$13,878m).

The value of South Australian merchandise imports increased to \$715m in April 2008 from \$468m in April 2007, an increase of 52.8%. The value of Australian merchandise imports for April 2008 was \$17,458m, a 19.5% increase from April 2007.

#### Value of International Merchandise Trade, on a recorded trade basis, South Australia



# Water

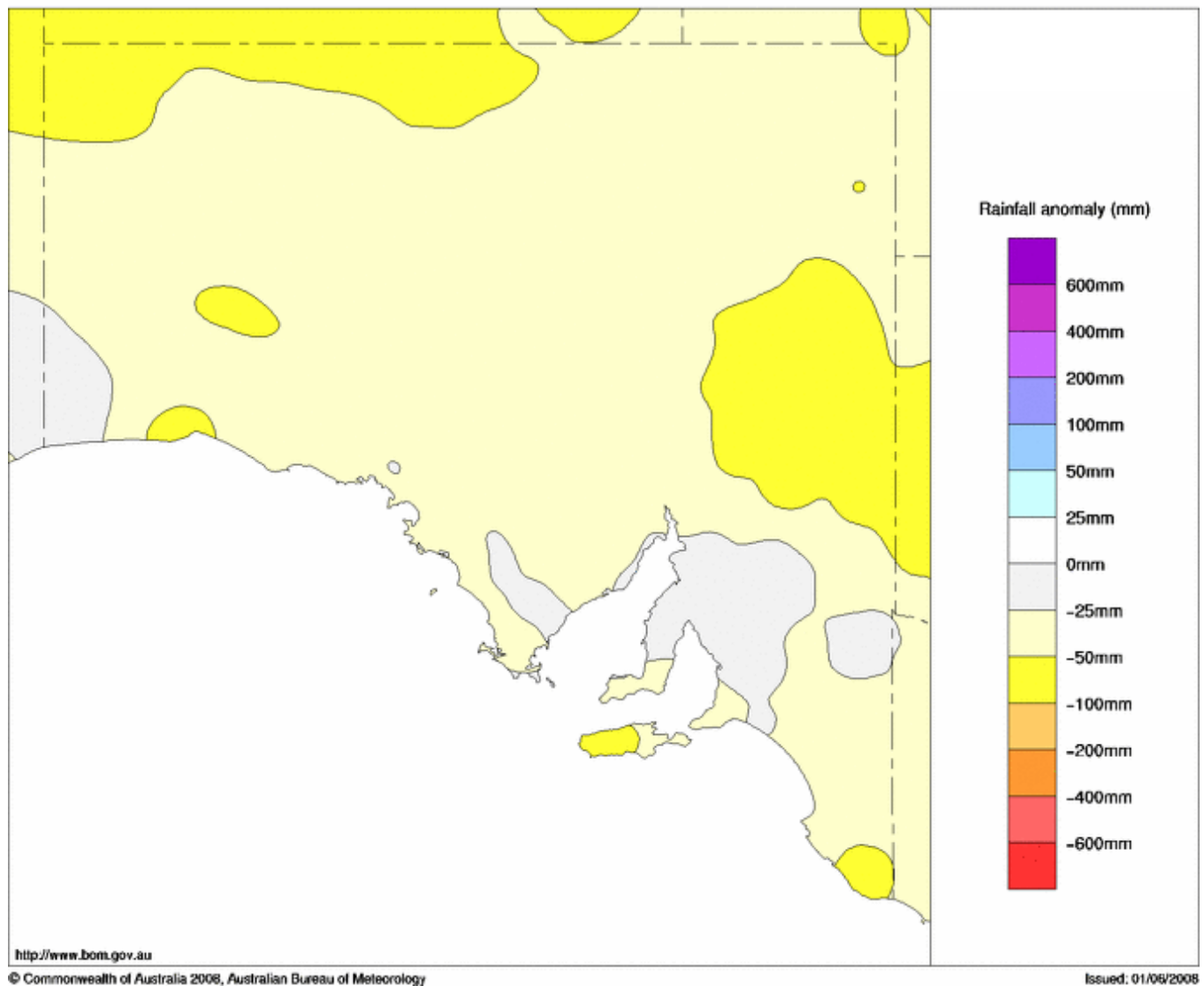


## WATER

### RAINFALL

The Bureau of Meteorology's Seasonal Climate Summary for South Australia for Autumn 2008 reported that the season's rainfall was generally below average, apart from the Mid North, Adelaide region and the Lower Southeast. Rainfall was generally below average across the Pastoral Districts this Autumn.

South Australian Rainfall Anomalies 1 March to 31 May 2008  
Product of the National Climate Centre

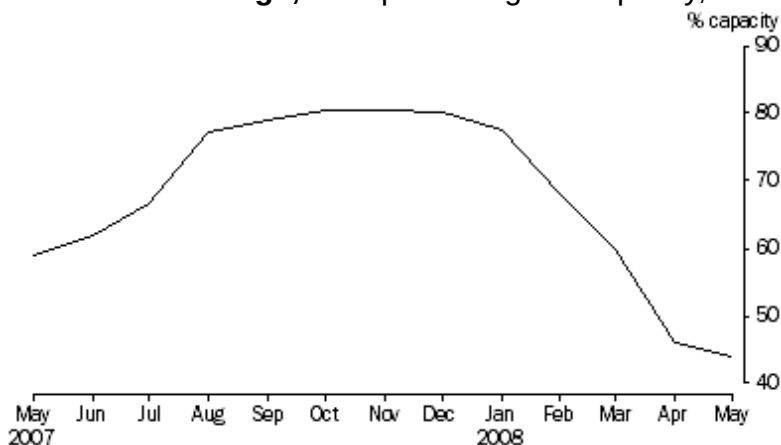


Source: 3-monthly rainfall anomalies for South Australia, Australian Bureau of Meteorology,

## RESERVOIR LEVELS

The total water storage in Adelaide's reservoirs at the beginning of June 2008 (the beginning of Winter) was 44% of capacity, compared with 67% at the same time in 2007.

**Total reservoir storage, As a percentage of capacity, Adelaide**



Source: [SA Water daily reservoir levels](#)

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